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Hello All You Wonderful People,

Well, most of the baby birds are out of the nests now. The cats have calmed down somewhat as far as attacking the windows to try to get to the birds that are sitting on the window sills.

Here in Michigan we've been having a few days of 70 degree weather – then it goes up into the 100's for a couple of days – then back into the 80's – then all the way down to the 70's again. At night it ranges from the 50's to the 70's. I really can handle the up-and-down temperatures better than just really, really hot. The rain comes in periodically and keeps everything green. (John says he can hear the lawn growing on these days.)

I would complain about the weather a little, but so many of you are getting really atrocious weather – I just can't feel that I can complain too much.

All five (5) black cats just lay around in the heat – then go bonkers when it's cool – running up-and-down the hallway and up-and-down the stairs. We can pretty much tell what the weather is going to be for the day before we even come out of the bedroom, just by the noise or lack of noise. (You do all realize that little cats sound like elephants when they run around in the house. I don't know how they do that.)

What do you think of the new order blanks that I've been sending out with the 'mailed' newsletters? I think they will be easier to fill out and easier for me to read when I get them in the mail.

Starting in July Lori Bartlett will be doing fairs, etc.

July 21st & 22nd she will be doing the Learning Fair in Jackson at the Jackson Career Center.

July 24th thru July 30th she will be at the Lenawee County Fair in Adrian in the Merchant's Building. She will be in booth #11.

July 31st thru August 6th Lori and I will be doing the Monroe County Fair. We will be in Booth #79 towards the front (the road side) of the building. I will open and work Sunday and Monday – then Lori will work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – then I will close by working Friday and Saturday.

August 15th thru August 21st Lori will be at the UP State Fair in Escanaba in the Butler Building in booth # 83.

BE SURE TO GET IN TO SEE US. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

July Workshops

July 21st – 11:00 AM - Monthly Workshop here in Manchester
The workshop usually lasts until about 3:00 PM (or whenever you need to leave)



You are going to need your brushes for the designs that are going out this year – so here is a special where you can get both sets of brushes for 10% off the total price. For you Dealer/Instructors out there, this means taking your percentage off the sale price.

C460 + C470 Retail = \$20.00 Sale price = \$18.00

This 'Special' will run for three (3) months.

(The sale price is good for *May, June & July*)

Working with a brush can be easy and fun and fast. When you use our stiff special 'fabric' brushes, you are pushing the paint down into the material. So your items are nice and washable, unlike when you just lay the paint on top of the material.

With all the things that you need to get painted for those birthdays, weddings, showers, holidays and craft shows, I thought this special would be just right for this time of year.

C662 Regular Retail = \$45.00 Sale price = \$40.00

This 'Special' will run for three (3) months.

(The sale price is good for **June, July & August.**)

These accessories will make your paintings stand out from the crowd around them and with the Transfer Marker Set (C530) you can add in details on your transfer design before you iron it on. That will make that design 'personally yours'.

The Dual Point Pen Set (C490) let's you add those little details that you want for your designs.

And, lastly, the Fiber Blender Set (C371) is the best thing out there for blending colors together and making sure that the paint is down in the material, so it won't wash out. (You really need a Fiber Blender for each color. That way it's not so much work when you change what colors you are blending.) I have gone so far as to switch the tips around so that I have two (2) different style tips in one Fiber Blender. On my Fiber Blenders for black, white, greens, reds, blues and yellows, I have a rounded tip on one end and a chisel tip on the other end. When I have a large area of one color, I can use the chisel tip to smooth it out easily. The pointed tip is great for getting into those little corners and on stems.

Monthly Quilt Blocks



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BG-07



FG-06



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HS-06



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LQ-06



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Order in: ones=\$2.50 (1 quilt block & 1 transfer) {or} sixes=\$15.00 (6 blank quilt blocks & 6 of same transfer)

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